

Retford Town Centre news

Safety and security improvements to Retford Town Centre continue

Massive improvements to safety in the Town Centre are almost complete with additional CCTV columns being installed at Town Lock, the Albert Road /Victoria Road junction, and a refuge point with CCTV outside Retford Railway Station. This means that the safety of the journey on foot to and from Retford Railway Station and the Town Centre will be greatly improved and will add to the enhanced CCTV coverage already installed around the Town Centre.

Lighting to the pathway between Chapelgate car park and Grove Street has been agreed; CCTV is already in place, and the lighting will increase the level of personal safety in this area.

Aggressive Vehicle Mitigation improvements to the street furniture around the Market Square are out to tender. This means that the seats / benches and bollards, once installed, around the square will be able to withstand aggressive use of vehicles, improving the safety for people on the Market Square.

The Retford Town Centre Partnership Board was created to take forward the Vision for Retford priorities developed by the Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Planning Group and seeks to make lasting and meaningful improvements to Retford's Town Centre.

These improvements have been made possible thanks to significant investment by the Retford Town Centre Partnership Board (RTCPB).

Retford Creative Community

There are many brilliant creative activities which make up Retford's vibrant and talented Creative Community. Here are just a few of them:



Bassetlaw Museum,
Grove Street,
Retford (www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk)



- Film Noir Photography Workshop: Saturday 21st March, 1.00pm to

4.00pm, suggested donation £12.00

- Creative Visions, an exhibition by the Worksop Society of Artists: Saturday 14th February to Saturday 2nd May, free admission
- The Age of Cine: Cameras, Projectors and the Magic of Film exhibition: runs until September 2026, free admission
- Dressed to Kill: Film Noir style Fashion exhibition: opens on 14th March, free admission

Cath Ray Gallery, 58b Bridgegate, Retford (www.facebook.com/cathraybooks, 07803 204424 and raybooks@msn.com)

- Deborah La Banca exhibition: 7th March – 25th April
- Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 4.00-6.00pm: Stained Glass / Mosaics – drop-in with Mel, £10.00
- Fridays 6th & 20th March, 9.30am – 11.30am: Slow-stitching for the Soul with Bev, £15.00
- Every Monday 1.00pm – 3.00pm, Thursday 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Saturday 3.00pm – 5.00pm: Drawing and Painting with Cath, £15.00

Retford Arts Hub
(01777 860414, info@retfordartshub.com)

- Watercolour Workshop with John Redfern-Harris: Thursday 5th March, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, £25.00 on booking, all materials provided, booking essential
- Cyanotypes, Camera-Less Images Workshop with Alan Withington: Saturday 7th March, 10.00am to 3.30pm, free (over 16s only), all materials and tea / coffee provided, wear old clothes



Majestic Theatre, Coronation Street, Retford (01777 706866 and boxoffice@majesticretford.org)

DeBurney's Dance Centre presents 'Saved by the Bell': Friday 27th March and Saturday 28th March, £15.00 plus £1.00 fee



Find more information on www.discoverretford.co.uk and www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk.

Retford Business Forum (RBF)

RBF would like to welcome its latest members:

April's Paper Creations

April creates with paper - see her work at The Hummingbird Collective on Market Square. Email aprilspapercreations@gmail.com; see www.facebook.com/aprilspapercreations; call 07864 988296.



Nexo Toys

Your friendly local toyshop with a nostalgic heart and a modern twist. Explore timeless classics and trending collectibles in-store, or browse the full range online, bringing playtime to your doorstep with just a click. Visit 18 Exchange Street Retford, DN22 6BL; see www.facebook.com/nexotoys and www.nexotoys.com.



Dried Flower Art

Bex Metcalf creates wall art, gifts, and greetings cards using dried and pressed flora in all its forms. Sourcing all of her own materials, Bex prepares each piece with care, drying, pressing, trimming, and arranging every element before weaving, embroidering or gluing it into place. Bex is at The Hummingbird Collective on Market Square / Driedflowerart@outlook.com, www.driedflowerart.co.uk, 07825 324888.



Plus

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill

Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Carolgate has its 'Hello New' spring and summer ranges in store to inspire you for the coming year.

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